## "NATURE'S WONDERS - AUGUST 2017

We wish to extend our congratulations to the winners, listed below, of the August 2017 "Nature's Wonders" exhibition and competition. The judge's comments are listed below after the list of ribbon winners.

## **Winners**:

Best in Show: "Blue Watcher" - Lance Barr

**First Place**: "E.T." – Walt Alder

**Second Place**: "Bristle Cone Pine" – Sandra Anderson **Third Place**: "Emerald Pool Trail-Zion" – Ray Pittman

## **Honorable Mentions:**

"Dangerous Coast" - Floyd Johnson

"Poison Dart Frog" – Rita Fulmer

"Off Ramp" - Steve Dudrow

"Light Show" - Abigail Kathleen Snow

Sponsor's Choice: "Blue Watcher" - Lance Barr

**People's Choice:** "Kolob Sunset – Zion National Park" – Shirley Smith

## The judge's comments:

- **Best in Show** "Detailed textures against soft background draw you in."
- **First Place** "Composition interesting, forms and textures formed by nature creating patterns and colors that make the viewer look closer."
- **Second Place** "Watercolor effects in contrast with the form shape creates an interesting composition on using the wondrous tree form."
- Third Place "Details of dark and light areas show depth and contrasts found in such places. Oil varnish very textured, but shiny makes it harder to see the work of the artist but it draws you back to seek it out."

The judge also commented that care needs to be taken when framing artwork, as several pieces had frames that competed with the artwork itself.